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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, BC, RH  
SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE: ZANU (SITHOLE) REP CALLS ON EMBASSY

1. ZANU (SITHOLE) BOTSWANA REP OLIVER SAWUNYAMA CALLED AT  
EMBASSY APRIL 4 TO EXPRESS HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT U.S.  
POSITION ON INTERNAL SETTLEMENT HAD CHANGED FROM ONE OF  
"LET'S WAIT AND SEE" TO THAT OF CONDEMNATION. HE SAID THE  
U.S. ATTITUDE WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING IN VIEW OF FACT  
THAT IT WAS ZANU (SITHOLE) AND NOT THE PATROITIC FRONT  
WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE AAP AND,  
INDEED, HAD BROUGHT ABOUT PEACEFUL CHANGE IN ZIMBABWE BY  
TAKING OVER FROM THE ENEMY (I.E., SMITH). IN JUDGING THE  
INTERNAL SITUATION TOO QUICKLY, THE U.S. IS STIRRING UP  
TROUBLE. EVEN THE DEMAND THAT "SMITH MUST GO" LEADS TO  
INSTABILITY; DESPITE THE FACT THAT BLACKS HAVE SUFFERED  
UNDER HIM FOR THE LAST TWELVE YEARS, SMITH "HOLDS ALL  
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THE KEYS TO THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE". HIS REMOVAL AT  
THIS MOMENT WOULD CRIPPLE THE COUNTRY.

2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE SALISBURY LEADERS WOULD  
ATTEND AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, SAWUNYAMA DEMURRED  
STATING THAT WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY THE OAU, UN AND  
ANDREW YOUNG TENDS TO HARDEN ATTITUDES INSIDE ZIMBABWE

SO THAT PEOPLE WILL SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. IF THREE-FOURTHS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COME OUT OF THE BUSH (AND HE SEEMED SURE THEY WOULD), THE SALISBURY LEADERS WILL NOT HAVE TO ATTEND ANY CONFERENCE. FOR THAT MATTER, ZIMBABWE MAY NOT EVEN WISH TO JOIN THE OAU. AFRICA HAS LET ZIMBABWE DOWN.

3. EMBOFFS TOLD SAWUNYAMA THAT U.S. FAVORED NO NATION-ALIST FACTION AND WAS BACKING THE AAP AS THE ONLY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED AND BRING PEACE TO THE AREA.

4. COMMENT: SAWUNYAMA SUGGESTS (PARA 2) THAT SALISBURY DECISION ON ATTENDANCE AT ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE OR CO-OPERATION ON AAP WILL HANG FIRE UNTIL MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE "GIVE ORDER TO STOP FIGHTING" (I.E., IMPLYING CONTROL OVER ZAPU/AZANU FORCES) AND GUERRILLAS RESPOND.

5. SAWUNYAMA'S APPARENT FEELINGS OF BETRAYAL BY THE U.S. AND AFRICA, HIS REMARKS ON HARDENING ATTITUDES IN RHODESIA, AND THE FACT THAT ZIMBABWE MAY NOT WISH TO JOIN THE OAU, INDICATE THAT BLACK INTERNAL NATIONALISTS MAY BE TAKING ON SMITH'S FORTRESS MENTALITY, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO LURE THEM INTO THE OPEN.

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